

Washington G. Tuck to be postmaster at Annapolis, in the county of Anne Arundel and State of Maryland.

MINNESOTA.

John W. Gish to be postmaster at Waterville, in the county of Lesueur and State of Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI.

Bennett A. Truly to be postmaster at Fayette, in the county of Jefferson and State of Mississippi.

NEW JERSEY.

Henry W. Edsall to be postmaster at Hamburg, in the county of Sussex and State of New Jersey.

NEW YORK.

William G. Davry to be postmaster at Mechanicsville, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York.

John G. Ward to be postmaster at Cambridge, in the county of Washington and State of New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Claudius D. Holland to be postmaster at Gastonia, in the county of Gaston and State of North Carolina.

Ella C. Peace to be postmaster at Oxford, in the county of Granville and State of North Carolina.

Benjamin T. Person to be postmaster at Wilson, in the county of Wilson and State of North Carolina.

Elisha C. Terry to be postmaster at Hamlet, in the county of Richmond and State of North Carolina.

OHIO.

William R. Tyler to be postmaster at Huron, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio.

OKLAHOMA.

L. N. Bushorr to be postmaster at Pawnee, in the county of Pawnee and Territory of Oklahoma.

PENNSYLVANIA.

John B. Branagan to be postmaster at Charleroi, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Wilmot L. Harris to be postmaster at Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina.

VIRGINIA.

William M. Adams to be postmaster at Norton, in the county of Wise and State of Virginia.

William T. Tillar to be postmaster at Emporia, in the county of Greenville and State of Virginia.

WASHINGTON.

Francis M. Lighthizer to be postmaster at Harrington, in the county of Lincoln and State of Washington.

Nelson Rich to be postmaster at Prosser, in the county of Yakima and State of Washington.

WYOMING.

Frank S. Knittle to be postmaster at Douglas, in the county of Converse and State of Wyoming.

William P. Webster to be postmaster at Cody, in the county of Bighorn and State of Wyoming.

ISLE OF PINES.

The injunction of secrecy was removed on November 24, 1903, from a treaty between the United States and Cuba, signed on July 2, 1903, for the adjustment of title to the ownership of the Isle of Pines.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1903.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

The Journal of the proceedings of Friday, November 20, was read and approved.

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that when the House adjourn to-day it adjourn to meet on Friday next, and on that I ask the previous question.

Mr. DE ARMOND. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. DE ARMOND. I rise for the purpose of asking the gentleman from New York a question.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from New York yield to the gentleman from Missouri?

Mr. PAYNE. Well, Mr. Speaker, no debate is in order on this motion.

Mr. DE ARMOND. I understand that.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York declines to yield.

Mr. DE ARMOND. Does he decline to yield, Mr. Speaker? He simply says that no debate is in order on this proposition.

Mr. PAYNE. Well, what is the gentleman's proposition?

Mr. DE ARMOND. What I wish to ask is something about the purpose of the House with reference to adjournment. We all know what they have done over in the Senate, and that the work of the extraordinary session is really ended. I would like to ask the gentleman what is the purpose of the House in reference to it?

Mr. PAYNE. Perhaps the gentleman from Missouri has had some communication from the Senate. I have had none. I do not know that there is any desire on the part of the Senate to adjourn—whether they desire it or not. I suppose the House of Representatives is capable of determining even so momentous a question as that.

Mr. DE ARMOND. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from New York has given no information on the subject. I suppose he has learned from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as I have, that the Senate, by unanimous consent, has laid over until the regular session the bill which we have passed and sent to them.

Mr. PAYNE. Well, Mr. Speaker, if we are to have any debate on this, we had better have some definite arrangement.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York asks the previous question.

Mr. DE ARMOND. And upon that, Mr. Speaker, I ask for the yeas and nays. If the gentleman from New York is afraid to say what the majority proposes to do, let us see what they say on the roll call.

The question was taken; and the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pending the calling of the roll, the Chair lays before the House the following personal requests:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows:

To Mr. CROMER, indefinitely, on account of important business.

To Mr. TAYLOR, indefinitely, on account of important business.

To Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for five days, on account of important business.

To Mr. HOLLIDAY, for ten days, on account of important business.

To Mr. COCHRAN, for two weeks, on account of important business.

To Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota, indefinitely, on account of important business.

To Mr. GUDGER, indefinitely, on account of important business.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation:

WASHINGTON, November 20, 1903.

To the SPEAKER.

SIR: I hereby resign from the board of directors of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN.

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

The SPEAKER. The question now is on the motion of the gentleman from New York for the previous question.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 120, nays 103, answered "present" 6, not voting 154, as follows:

YEAS—120.

Adams, Pa.	Dwight,	Jenkins,	Parker,
Adams, Wis.	Esch,	Jones, Wash.	Payne,
Allen,	Foster, Vt.	Kennedy,	Pearre,
Babcock,	French,	Ketcham,	Prince,
Bartholdt,	Gaines, W. Va.	Kinkaid,	Reeder,
Bede,	Gardner, Mich.	Kyle,	Roberts,
Bingham,	Gardner, N. J.	Lacey,	Rodenberg,
Bishop,	Gibson,	Lafean,	Scott,
Boutell,	Gillet, N. Y.	Lawrence,	Sherman,
Bowersock,	Gillett, Cal.	Littauer,	Sibley,
Bradley,	Gillett, Mass.	Longworth,	Slemp,
Brandegee,	Graft,	Loud,	Smith, Samuel W.
Brooks,	Grosvenor,	McCarthy,	Southard,
Brown, Wis.	Hamilton,	McCleary, Minn.	Southwick,
Burke, S. Dak.	Haskins,	McLachlan,	Spalding,
Burkett,	Haugen,	McMorran,	Sperry,
Burleigh,	Hemenway,	Mann,	Stafford,
Butler, Pa.	Hepburn,	Martin,	Steenerson,
Calderhead,	Hermann,	Metcalf,	Sulloway,
Campbell,	Hildebrandt,	Miller,	Tawney,
Conner,	Hill, Conn.	Minor,	Thomas, Iowa
Cooper, Wis.	Hinsaw,	Mondell,	Volstead,
Cousins,	Hitt,	Moon, Pa.	Vreeland,
Crumpacker,	Hogg,	Murdock,	Wachter,
Curtis,	Holliday,	Needham,	Wanger,
Dalzell,	Howell, Utah	Norris,	Warnock,
Darragh,	Huff,	Olmsted,	Wiley, N. J.
Davis, Minn.	Hull,	Otis,	Williamson,
Dick,	Humphrey, Wash.	Otjen,	Wilson, Ill.
Dovener,	Jackson, Ohio	Palmer,	Young.

NAYS—103.

Adamsen,	Birdsall,	Burleson,	Cooper, Tex.
Aiken,	Bowers,	Burnett,	Cowherd,
Baker,	Bowie,	Byrd,	Davey, La.
Bartlett,	Brantley,	Cassingham,	Davis, Fla.
Beall, Tex.	Broussard,	Clark,	De Armond,
Benny,	Brundidge,	Clayton,	Dinsmore,
Benton,	Burgess,	Cochran,	Dougherty,

Emerich, Field, Fitzgerald, Garber, Garner, Gillespie, Granger, Gregg, Hamlin, Hardwick, Harrison, Hay, Henry, Tex. Hill, Miss. Hitchcock, Hopkins, Howell, Pa. Hughes, N. J. Humphreys, Miss.	Hunt, James, Johnson, Kehoe, Keliher, Lamar, Mo. Lamb, Legare, Lester, Lever, Lind, Lindsay, Little, Livingston, Lloyd, McAndrews, McClellan, McDermott, McLain,	Macon, Maynard, Meyer, La. Moon, Tenn. Patterson, Tenn. Pierce, Pujo, Randell, Tex. Rhea, Richardson, Tenn. Rixey, Robinson, Ark. Robinson, Ind. Rucker, Russell, Ryan, Shackleford, Sheppard, Sherley,	Shober, Sims, Small, Smith, Ky. Spight, Stephens, Tex. Sullivan, N. Y. Sulzer, Swanson, Tate, Thomas, N. C. Trimble, Underwood, Van Duzer, Wallace, Williams, Ill. Wilson, N. Y. Wynn.
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—6.

Cassel, Denny,	Gaines, Tenn. Griffith,	Wade, Zenor.
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NOT VOTING—154.

Acheson, Alexander, Ames, Badger, Bankhead, Bassett, Bates, Beidler, Bell, Cal. Breezeale, Brick, Brown, Pa. Brownlow, Buckman, Burk, Pa. Burton, Butler, Mo. Caldwell, Candler, Capron, Cooper, Pa. Croft, Cromer, Crowley, Currier, Cushman, Daniels, Davidson, Dayton, Deemer, Dickerman, Dixon, Douglas, Draper, Dresser, Driscoll, Dunwell, Evans, Finley,	Fitzpatrick, Flack, Flood, Fordney, Foss, Foster, Ill. Fowler, Fuller, Gardner, Mass. Gilbert, Glass, Goebel, Goldfogle, Gooch, Goulden, Greene, Griggs, Gudger, Hearst, Hedge, Henry, Conn. Houston, Howard, Howell, N. J. Hughes, W. Va. Jackson, Md. Jones, Va. Kitchin, Claude Kitchin, Wm. W. Kline, Kluttz, Knapp, Knopf, Lamar, Fla. Landis, Chas. B. Landis, Frederick Lanning, Lewis, Lilley,	Littlefield, Livernash, Lorimer, Loudenslager, Lovering, Lucking, McCall, McCreary, Pa. McNary, Maddox, Mahon, Mahoney, Marsh, Marshall, Miers, Ind. Morgan, Morrell, Mudd, Nevin, Overstreet, Padgett, Page, Patterson, N. C. Patterson, Pa. Perkins, Porter, Pou, Powers, Me. Powers, Mass. Rainey, Ransdell, La. Reid, Richardson, Ala. Rider, Robb, Robertson, La. Ruppert, Scarborough, Scudder,	Shafroth, Shiras, Shull, Skiles, Slayden, Smith, Ill. Smith, Iowa Smith, Wm. Alden Smith, N. Y. Smith, Pa. Smith, Tex. Snapp, Snook, Southall, Sparkman, Stanley, Sterling, Stevens, Minn. Sullivan, Mass. Talbot, Taylor, Thayer, Thompson, Tirrell, Townsend, Vandiver, Van Voorhis, Wadsworth, Warner, Watson, Webb, Weems, Weisse, Wiley, Ala. Williams, Miss. Woodyard, Wright.
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So the pending question was ordered.

The following pairs were announced:

For the remainder of this session:

Mr. DEEMER with Mr. SHULL.
Mr. FOSS with Mr. VANDIVER.
Mr. BRICK with Mr. ZENOR.
Mr. SMITH of Pennsylvania with Mr. GUDGER.
Mr. KNOPF with Mr. WEISSE.
Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota with Mr. SLAYDEN.
Mr. BATES with Mr. CROWLEY.
Mr. SNAPP with Mr. CALDWELL.
Mr. BRADLEY with Mr. GOULDEN.
Mr. CASSEL with Mr. GOOCH.
Mr. PERKINS with Mr. THAYER.
Mr. SMITH of Iowa with Mr. WADE.
Mr. EVANS with Mr. RAINEY.
Mr. OVERSTREET with Mr. MIERS of Indiana.
Mr. LITTLEFIELD with Mr. SMALL.
Until further notice:
Mr. MAHON with Mr. HOUSTON.
Mr. HENRY of Connecticut with Mr. DENNY.
Mr. KNAPP with Mr. KLUTTZ.
Mr. BURK of Pennsylvania with Mr. FLOOD.
Mr. FORDNEY with Mr. JONES of Virginia.
Mr. POWERS of Maine with Mr. GAINES of Tennessee.
Mr. BROWNLOW with Mr. RANDELL of Louisiana.
Mr. KENNEDY with Mr. BADGER.
Mr. LARIMER with Mr. MAHONEY.
Mr. WARNER with Mr. FOSTER of Illinois.
Mr. BUCKMAN with Mr. GILBERT.
Mr. CROMER with Mr. GRIFFITH.
Mr. GREENE with Mr. MCNARY.
Mr. TIRRELL with Mr. SULLIVAN of Massachusetts.
Mr. DRISCOLL with Mr. SMITH of Texas.
Mr. DAYTON with Mr. MEYER of Louisiana.
Mr. CURRIER with Mr. FINLEY.
Mr. PATTERSON of Pennsylvania with Mr. DICKERMAN.
Mr. WRIGHT with Mr. KLINE.

Mr. TOWNSEND with Mr. LUCKING.
Mr. SKILES with Mr. CANDLER.
For one week:
Mr. MUDD with Mr. WILLIAM W. KITCHIN.
For one day:
Mr. CUSHMAN with Mr. LAMAR of Florida.
Mr. COOPER of Pennsylvania with Mr. GOLDFOGLE.
Mr. CAPRON with Mr. CLAUDE KITCHIN.
Mr. BURTON with Mr. HEARST.
Mr. BROWN of Pennsylvania with Mr. GLASS.
Mr. NEVIN with Mr. BUTLER of Missouri.
Mr. BEIDLER with Mr. CROFT.
Mr. MORRELL with Mr. BREEZEALE.
Mr. MCCREARY of Pennsylvania with Mr. WILEY of Alabama.
Mr. AMES with Mr. BELL of California.
Mr. WEEMS with Mr. WEBB.
Mr. MORGAN with Mr. BASSETT.
Mr. MARSH with Mr. BANKHEAD.
Mr. WATSON with Mr. THOMPSON.
Mr. WADSWORTH with Mr. TAYLOR.
Mr. VAN VOORHIS with Mr. TALBOTT.
Mr. ACHESON with Mr. SPARKMAN.
Mr. DAVIDSON with Mr. GRIGGS.
Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH with Mr. LEWIS.
Mr. CHARLES B. LANDIS with Mr. MADDOX.
Mr. FREDERICK LANDIS with Mr. HOWARD.
Mr. HEDGE with Mr. FITZPATRICK.
Mr. DRAPER with Mr. RUPERT.
Mr. ALEXANDER with Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi.
Mr. SMITH of Illinois with Mr. PATTERSON of North Carolina.
Mr. FOWLER with Mr. POU.
Mr. GARDNER of Massachusetts with Mr. RICHARDSON of Ala-

bama.
Mr. FULLER with Mr. RIDER.
Mr. POWERS of Massachusetts with Mr. ROBB.
Mr. GOEBEL with Mr. REID.
Mr. HOWELL of New Jersey with Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana.

Mr. HUGHES of West Virginia with Mr. SCARBOROUGH.
Mr. LILLEY with Mr. SCUDDER.
Mr. LOUDENSLAGER with Mr. SHAFROTH.
Mr. MARSHALL with Mr. STANLEY.
Mr. MCCALL with Mr. SOUTHWALL.
Mr. LOVERING with Mr. SNOOK.
Mr. FLACK with Mr. PAGE.
Mr. DOUGLAS with Mr. PADGETT.
Mr. PORTER with Mr. LIVERNASH.
Mr. SHOBER. Mr. Speaker, I voted "no." I understand I am paired. I did not hear my name read among the pairs.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is informed that the gentleman is not paired.

Mr. SHOBER. Then I desire to vote "no."

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER. The previous question is ordered. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE], that when the House adjourn to-day it be to meet on Friday next.

The motion was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. PARKINSON, its reading clerk, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions; in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives was requested:

Senate concurrent resolution No. 19.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made and estimates to be submitted of the cost of dredging and otherwise improving the channel of Deckers Creek, and the confluence of said creek with the Monongahela River, with the view of restoring the harbor destroyed by flood formerly used for the accommodation of traffic at Morgantown, W. Va.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 20.

Resolved, etc., That there be printed and bound 15,000 copies of the statement of receipts and expenditures of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition from date of incorporation to September 30, 1903, with the accompanying report submitted by the exposition company, showing progress made by various departments of the exposition, of which 3,500 shall be for the Senate, 4,500 for the House of Representatives, and 5,000 for the National Commission for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate concurrent resolutions were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees as indicated below.

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to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

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to the Committee on Printing.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A message, in writing, from the President of the United States was communicated to the House of Representatives by Mr. BARNES, one of his secretaries, who also informed the House that the President had approved and signed joint resolution (H. J. Res. 14) making immediately available the appropriation for mileage of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

STONE RIVER NATIONAL MILITARY PARK.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on the 17th instant I introduced a bill (H. R. 3569) to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Stone River. This bill has in it a map. Under the law the Public Printer holds that he can not print the bill unless an order is expressly made by the House to include the map in it. I therefore ask unanimous consent that the order to print the bill include the order to print the map, which is a part of it.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the gentleman a question. I understand that the bill was reported in the last Congress with the map printed in the bill?

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Yes; either in the last Congress or in the Congress preceding that—I think the preceding Congress.

Mr. PAYNE. And the map only occupies one page?

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Yes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, as this is the gentleman's own law—

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Oh, no.

Mr. MANN. I should like to examine the bill before it is printed, and for the present I object.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois objects.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, one word. If the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANN] will pardon me, he is mistaken in saying that this is based upon the motion that I made in the last Congress. That referred to the printing of pictures and illustrations in the special reports, and the annual reports of bureau officers. It did not relate to printing bills.

Mr. MANN. It related, Mr. Speaker, to printing everything, and that is the objection now to printing this map. But if the gentleman's memory is sufficiently refreshed so that he knows he made a bad mistake when he made that proposition, I will withdraw the objection. [Laughter.]

Mr. RICHARDSON of Tennessee. I will not, in order to get a bill printed, agree that there was any mistake made. On the other hand, I say that the reports of bureau officers and of Executive Departments should not contain pictures, and if the gentleman wants me to admit something I do not believe in order to get a bill printed, I can not make that admission.

Mr. MANN. Well, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANN] withdraws his objection. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read, and, with the accompanying documents, ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a statement showing the receipts and disbursements of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company from date of incorporation to September 30, 1903, furnished by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission in pursuance of section 11 of the "Act to provide for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory," etc., approved March 3, 1901, together with a report submitted by the Exposition Company, showing progress made by the various departments of the exposition.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, November 20, 1903.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANSFER OF LOUISIANA.

The SPEAKER. If there be no objection, the Chair will lay before the House, for reference to the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, the following invitation, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

The governor of Louisiana requests the honor of the honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives' presence at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana by France to the United States, to be held December 18, 19, and 20, 1903, New Orleans.

The SPEAKER. If there be no objection, the communication will be referred to the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions.

There was no objection.

Mr. MEYER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I offer the concurrent resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk, and ask unanimous consent for its present consideration.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. MEYER] asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the following resolution, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the invitation extended to the Congress of the United States by the Louisiana Historical Society and by the governor of the State of Louisiana to attend the ceremonies in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the transfer of the territory of Louisiana and all sovereignty over said territory by France to the United States, to be held at New Orleans, December 18, 19, and 20, 1903, be, and it is hereby, accepted.

That the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to appoint a committee, consisting of three Senators and five Representatives, to attend the ceremonies and to represent the Congress of the United States on the occasion of the celebration of the centennial anniversary referred to.

Resolved further, That the expenses of the members of the said joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives authorized to attend and attending and representing the Congress of the United States at the city of New Orleans on the occasion named, not exceeding in the aggregate \$2,500, to be paid as follows: One-half thereof out of the contingent fund of the House, and one-half thereof out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

Mr. BURKETT. I object.

MEXICAN BOLL WEEVIL.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the RECORD a copy of a statement presented by the Texas and Louisiana delegations to the Secretary of Agriculture. This document contains a statement of the magnitude of the cotton industries of the United States and the nature and character of the peril threatened them by the Mexican boll weevil, and also an outline of the plan proposed for relief.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The statement is as follows:

TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:

We, the undersigned Representatives of the States of Texas and Louisiana in the Fifty-eighth Congress, respectfully present to the Secretary of Agriculture that the supremacy of the cotton industries of the United States is imperiled by the ravages of the boll weevil in Texas, which State produces about one-third of the total annual cotton crop of the United States; and we respectfully represent that the magnitude of the interests involved and the threatened spread of the pests through all of the cotton-growing States makes the question one proper to be legislated upon by the Federal Congress.

The present distinguished Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, in a speech delivered in Boston on the 29th of last October, stated: "We grow three-fourths of the cotton fiber of the world. We export two-thirds of what we grow. That leaves for consumption one-fourth of all the cotton of the world. From this we export a little over \$50,000,000 worth and import about \$40,000,000 worth of manufactured cotton." An average cotton crop of the United States is about 10,000,000 bales, which at 10 cents a pound (which is less than the present price) amounts to \$500,000,000, two-thirds of which, as we export that amount, brings from Europe and pours into the channel of American commerce \$333,000,000 annually.

From the abstract of the Twelfth Census it appears that in 1900 there was invested in cotton compressing, cotton ginning, and the manufacture of cotton goods, \$498,000,000. There were \$88,000,000 paid out by these industries in wages to employees, and the value of the products produced was \$356,000,000. In addition there was invested, in 1900, in the cotton-seed oil and cotton-seed cake industries \$34,000,000, paying three and one-quarter million in wages, and paying \$45,000,000 for material, and producing products to the value of \$58,000,000. This is a marvelous growth since 1880, when only \$7,000,000 worth of cotton-seed products were produced in the United States. This cotton-seed industry is of the greatest importance, because it aids us in maintaining our cotton supremacy in that it adds to the value of the farmers' product from 1 to 2 cents per pound in the price of the lint cotton—that is to say, that a bale of cotton, now sold for 8 cents, would bring the farmer as much money as the same bale would have brought at 9¢ or 10 cents per pound prior to the present disposition of the seed, and this is one of the distinct advantages which we possess over the European countries now attempting competitive cotton growing. All of this is intensified in value by a future prospect in the markets in the Orient, superinduced by an increased prospect of an early construction of the isthmian canal.

The manufacture of cotton goods is about equally divided between the South and the East, while the cotton-seed oil and the cotton-seed cake industries are almost entirely with the South. The foregoing facts give a fair view of the magnitude of the interests involved. Now Texas produces, as we have said, about one-third of the cotton upon which all of these great industries rest. The boll weevil first appeared in the southwestern part of the State of Texas, coming from Mexico, and in a few years has spread in a northeasterly direction practically to the Louisiana line, a distance of perhaps 700 miles. If this advance of the weevil continues, but a few years will suffice to carry it across the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia and into the most northeasterly cotton-producing States of the Union. It is quite difficult to estimate the exact extent of the injury or the financial loss sustained in Texas this year by the cotton growers. The expert of the Agricultural Department, Mr. Hunter, some time since very conservatively estimated that it would not be less than \$15,000,000.

The judgment of those of us whose names are signed hereto, and who reside in the infected districts in Texas, is that this year's loss will amount to not less than \$35,000,000, and may possibly be as much as \$50,000,000. This involves not only a direct loss to the cotton planters of the State for this year, but under possible conditions it may be much greater next year, for the weevil are spreading somewhat northwesterly and southeasterly along the direction in which they have been going, and a much larger infected district is certain to appear in the State. In addition to this direct loss is the decreased land value, the decreased retail trade, the decreased bank deposits, and the narrowing of the channels of business, and the entire loss of the gold brought from Europe by reason of the cotton export trade, and, worse than all, the poverty of those who are poor, black and white, engaged so largely in cotton cultivation. All this easily suggests to the mind that if this pest spreads into the other cotton States what the effect must be upon all of the other industries depending upon it, and what must become of the cotton supremacy of America in the short space of a few years. It is clear that the most unfortunate thing that could happen to the cotton planters of the South is that reduced production by reason of the boll weevil would augment the price of cotton so as to give an impetus to foreign governments to enter upon cotton production on a large scale, and in addition to manufacturing cotton, as they now do, they would enter upon the cotton-seed oil and the cotton-seed cake industries.

The Department of Agriculture has been doing the best possible with the means in hand to deal with this difficult and troublesome matter, proceeding at first largely upon the theory that it was solely an entomological proposition. First, \$10,000, then \$20,000, and then \$30,000 was appropriated for investigation and experiment stations and for the discovery of methods to meet the difficulty. The investigations of the Entomological Division of the Department of Agriculture by the chief, Doctor Howard, have been far-reaching and thorough. The life history of the insect has been studied in a way that reflects credit upon that Department's work. All known methods of combating it have received attention. Owing to the habits of the insect the futility of poisons, sprays, and all such methods has been conceded. Up to this date no parasite has been discovered that would war upon this insect, nor has any disease been discovered that would be communicable and thus exterminate them. This insect seems to be the healthiest bug that Doctor Howard has met in his many researches. While these methods can and ought to be pursued further, and doubtless will be, yet by force of conditions other methods must be immediately resorted to, involving cultural methods, the diversification of crops, the destruction of all infected materials, the planting of early maturing varieties of cotton, the creation and propagation of the best resistant varieties, etc.

It is now demonstrated beyond all question that the diversification of crops is highly essential. All this would be much more true of the regions east of the Mississippi River, where cotton has been the sole dependence for so many years. All of this work will entail a considerable expenditure of money and will necessitate a thorough organization in the infected districts; and while we gratefully return our thanks to the Department of Agriculture and to the Congress for what has been done in the past, we respectfully urge that much more must be immediately done if the alarming condition now obtaining in Texas is to be successfully met and the spread of like conditions in other cotton-growing States is successfully prevented. The State of Texas has enacted some legislation on the subject and is doing what it can; and the State of Louisiana has become aroused on the anticipated invasion of the weevil and will possibly shortly have a call session of the State legislature to deal with the boll weevil. The magnitude of the interests involved and the peril that threatens the cotton-growing regions and the actual conditions that exist as we know them causes us to suggest to the Congress the adoption of the following plan, which meets with the unanimous indorsement of the signers hereto, and which we briefly state, and the reasons therefor:

First. We suggest that a cotton commission be created, to consist of five members, one from the Bureau of Plant Industry, one from the Division of Entomology, and three practical farmers, two resident in the infected district of Texas and one in the State of Louisiana; that this commission be located at some accessible point within the infected territory. This plan is virtually made necessary in order to bring about any organized adequate relief. The Texas cotton convention, which recently met at Dallas, passed the following resolution:

"Recognizing the great danger confronting the cotton industry of Texas and other cotton-growing States, we earnestly appeal to the Federal Government through its Department of Agriculture to continue its liberal appropriations and to vigorously continue its efforts for the suppression and extermination of the boll weevil, bollworm, and other cotton pests."

This convention created an executive committee, which committee has unanimously requested the Texas Representatives in Congress to secure legislation providing for cotton experiment farms in every county where the county will cooperate with the Department of Agriculture in its efforts that the pests may be thoroughly and rapidly met and remedies generally applied. It also recommended that two-thirds of the cotton seed, consisting of the quick-maturing varieties now being bought by the Government, be planted upon these experiment farms in each county, so that a large volume of the improved seed be provided for Texas planting in 1906. These suggestions are wise, we think, and could best be carried out under the plan we have outlined. The value of having Texas and Louisiana farmers on the commission is that they will bring to the work of the commission a practical knowledge of the people, climate, and crops involved, and will induce confidence in its recommendations and aid organization and uniformity of methods and cooperation by cotton planters. We further suggest that a fund, to be called "the cotton investigation fund," of \$500,000 be set aside to be expended, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by the Secretary of Agriculture in furthering all the purposes contemplated herein; and in this connection we suggest that possibly the remainder of the fund of a similar amount appropriated to stamp out "the foot-and-mouth disease" might be utilized for this fund jointly, so as not to greatly increase the appropriations for this Congress.

It may be possible that the named amount may not be expended in one year, but the conditions are such that it is almost impossible to estimate in advance and in detail what the expenditures ought to be and will be, and by far the better method is to grant this commission a sufficient sum to cover all possible phases of its work and to inspire confidence and cooperation on the part of the cotton planters. The commission properly organized could so lay out the work as to expedite it in all its phases, and bring immediate returns to the fullest possible extent, and would not be hampered in the matter of specific requirements as would be the case in one of the appropriations for the Department proper. A detailed statement as to how this money ought to be expended so as to bring practical results is difficult; but we suggest the following problems:

- First. Demonstration of improved cultural methods.
- Second. The location and supervision of experiment stations in counties or in districts organized in one or more counties.
- Third. Work having for its objects the production and distribution of early weevil-resistant varieties of cotton.
- Fourth. Studies of cotton diseases.
- Fifth. Studies of cotton insects.

Sixth. Introduction of new crops.

Seventh. Studies and experiments in connection with methods for destruction of the boll weevil and other cotton insects.

Eighth. Studies of the enemies of the insects.

Ninth. General propaganda.

Tenth. Cooperation between the States of Texas and Louisiana in methods to be devised to check and confine the ravages of the cotton boll weevil to Texas and prevent its spread in Texas and into other cotton States.

In our judgment possibly the sum we have mentioned may be economically consumed in one year. It may be deemed advisable to cooperate with Louisiana in stamping out the first appearance of the boll weevil in the cotton fields of western Louisiana, and if this be deemed feasible twice the sum named could be sensibly expended annually for that purpose alone. We therefore pray the Secretary to recommend to Congress the adoption of these suggestions.

S. M. Robertson, R. C. Davey, R. F. Broussard, Phanor Breazeale, Jos. E. Ransdell, A. P. Pujó, Adolph Meyer, Members from Louisiana; S. B. Cooper, Chairman Texas Delegation, Scott Field, Geo. F. Burgess, Morris Sheppard, O. W. Gillespie, C. B. Ransdell, Jno. N. Garner, Jack Beall, Jas. L. Slayden, R. L. Henry, A. W. Gregg, A. S. Burleson, W. R. Smith, Gordon Russel, Jno. H. Stephens, Members from Texas.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows: To Mr. McMorran, for fourteen days, on account of urgent business.

To Mr. Wanger, for the remainder of this week, on account of illness in family.

To Mr. Breazeale, for ten days.

To Mr. Robertson of Louisiana, for ten days.

To Mr. Ransdell of Louisiana, for ten days, on account of important business.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.), in accordance with previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, November 27, next.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, the following executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a favorable recommendation, a draft of a bill to correct an error in the law relating to marking the position of troops at Gettysburg—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of official emoluments of the officers of the customs service during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903—to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of bills of the following titles; which were thereupon referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 2370) granting a pension to George M. Ross—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 2075) for relief of Hiram Kendall—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 2471) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Howard—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 2668) granting a pension to B. W. McCray—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 2919) granting a pension to Mary Robison—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3205) for the relief of George W. Ingram—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 3246) granting a pension to Hedwig A. Maass—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3352) granting a pension to Mary Idle—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3402) granting an increase of pension to Daniel Nagle—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3416) granting a pension to James W. Perkins—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3496) granting a pension to Katherine Decker—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3615) granting an increase of pension to Annie L. Evens—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 3857) to correct the military record of George S. Groesbeck—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 3970) for the relief of William M. Underwood—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 4031) granting an increase of pension to Samuel R. Wasson—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 4113) for the relief of Hamilton D. South—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 4315) granting an increase of pension to John F. Davis—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 4345) for the relief of Andrew Jackson Mcndy—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 4358) to remove the charge of desertion from the record of Zadoc J. Overby—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 4603) to amend and correct the records of Company D, Seventh Regiment of Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia, by including the name of Valentine Fraker therein—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 4620) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Andrew Brewton—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 4622) granting a pension to William E. Martin—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 4680) granting a pension to Jonas Ball—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 1291) authorizing the issuance of patents to Amanda C. Hines, Minnie A. Hines, and Harriet A. Hines for lands allotted to them in South Dakota—Committee on Patents discharged, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MANN: A bill (H. R. 4818) providing for an additional officer in the district of Chicago, in the collection district of Indiana and Illinois—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PRINCE: A bill (H. R. 4819) for the erection of a post-office building at Kewanee, Ill.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4820) providing for the erection of an addition or extension to the post-office and court-house at Quincy, Ill.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. MANN: A bill (H. R. 4821) to provide for a waterway between the Calumet River and the Sanitary Canal, in Illinois—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 4822) for the erection of a public building at Knoxville, Tenn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4823) to provide for the improvement of the Tennessee River and some of its tributaries in Tennessee—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4824) to increase the pay of mail carriers on rural free-delivery routes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: A bill (H. R. 4825) to authorize the Absentee Wyandotte Indians to select certain lands, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WILEY of New Jersey: A bill (H. R. 4826) to provide for clean paper money—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. RODENBERG: A bill (H. R. 4827) to increase pay of mail carriers on rural free-delivery routes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. GOULDEN: A bill (H. R. 4828) for the erection of a public building in the borough of the Bronx, New York City—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. BROOKS: A bill (H. R. 4829) to increase the limit of cost for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Leadville, in the State of Colorado—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. HUMPHREYS of Mississippi: A bill (H. R. 4830) for the erection of a public building at Greenville, Miss.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: A bill (H. R. 4831) to improve currency conditions—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. LAFEAN: A bill (H. R. 4832) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4833) to classify rural free-delivery letter carriers, and to fix their salaries—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. JONES of Washington: A bill (H. R. 4834) authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to survey and lay out a road through the Rainier Forest Reserve from the eastern boundary thereof into the Mount Rainier National Park, State of Washington, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. BEALL of Texas: A bill (H. R. 4835) to prescribe the jurisdiction of suits, both in law and in equity, brought by or against receivers or managers of property appointed by Federal courts or judges thereof—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURGESS: A bill (H. R. 4836) to regulate the salaries of the United States marshals in Texas—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 4837) to regulate the sale of poisons in the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: A bill (H. R. 4838) for the erection of a monument or memorial building at the scene of the Lochry massacre, near the mouth of Laughery Creek, Indiana—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4839) repealing the national bankruptcy act—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4840) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Columbus, in the State of Indiana, and appropriating money therefor—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4841) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States," approved July 24, 1897—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4842) to provide for a coupon currency in which small sums in any multiple of 5 cents may be conveniently sent by mail—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. CROMER: A bill (H. R. 4843) to increase the limit of cost for the purchase of site and the erection of a public building at Anderson, Ind.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4844) to increase the limit of cost for the purchase of site and the erection of a public building at Muncie, Ind.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: A bill (H. R. 4845) to amend section 3878 of Revised Statutes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4846) to provide for the modification of the project for the improvement of the harbor of Bridgeport, Conn.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4847) to provide for free alcohol in certain arts and industries—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PALMER: A bill (H. R. 4848) to regulate practice in the circuit courts of appeals in certain cases—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARDWICK: A bill (H. R. 4849) to prohibit and punish the purchase and sale of indorsement or support for office by certain persons—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COWHERD: A bill (H. R. 4850) to provide emergency currency—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. PEARRE: A bill (H. R. 4851) providing for establishing a public park at Langdon, D. C.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4852) providing for establishing a public park at Langdon, D. C.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. GARBER: A bill (H. R. 4853) providing for subsistence for rural free-delivery carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. LOUD: A bill (H. R. 4854) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Alpena, in the State of Michigan—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. KINKAID: A bill (H. R. 4855) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon in the city of North Platte, State of Nebraska—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. HITCHCOCK: A bill (H. R. 4856) providing for the use of Fort Omaha Military Reservation, in the city of Omaha, Nebr., for officers' quarters and for the improvement of the same, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HINSHAW: A bill (H. R. 4857) to increase the pay of mail carriers on rural free-delivery mail routes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. WARNER: A bill (H. R. 4858) for the erection of a statue to the memory of Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel at Washington, D. C.—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. ALLEN: A bill (H. R. 4859) to further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. BURLEIGH: A bill (H. R. 4860) for the establishment of a light-house and a fog signal at Isle au Haut, Maine—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HUMPHREYS of Mississippi: A bill (H. R. 4861) to prevent the issuance of retail liquor dealers' license to persons in communities where the sale of intoxicating liquors is forbidden by the laws of the State or municipality—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WADE: A bill (H. R. 4862) to remove all duties on crude petroleum or its products—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOWELL of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 4863) to provide a mortuary chapel at the Arlington Cemetery—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HERMANN: A bill (H. R. 4864) granting a pension to all pensioners of the civil and Indian wars of not less than \$12 per month, and to the widows of such persons a like pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SULZER: A bill (H. R. 4865) to promote the American merchant marine—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MONDELL: A bill (H. R. 4866) prohibiting the selection of timber lands in lieu of lands in forest reserves—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. HAMILTON: A bill (H. R. 4867) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the pensions of those who have lost limbs in the military or naval service of the United States"—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BUTLER of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 4868) to provide for the extension and enlargement of the public building at Chester, Pa.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. SULLOWAY: A bill (H. R. 4869) to establish a life-saving station at the Isles of Shoals, off Portsmouth, N. H.—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. LAWRENCE: A bill (H. R. 4870) to establish a library post—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. BEALL of Texas: A bill (H. R. 4871) to refund the cotton tax—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HERMANN: A bill (H. R. 5056) granting an increase of compensation to keepers of life-saving stations—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. MARTIN: A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 45) providing for the publication of 4,000 copies of a translation of the book entitled "Les Combattants Français de la Guerre Américaine, 1778-1783"—to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. GARNER: A concurrent resolution (H. C. Res. 9) directing a survey to be made of the channel from Aransas Pass through Turtle Cove to Corpus Christi Bay, Texas—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. MEYER of Louisiana: A concurrent resolution (H. C. Res. 10) providing for appointment of a committee of three Senators and five Representatives to attend ceremonies of centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana to the United States—to the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions.

By Mr. SOUTHARD: A resolution (H. Res. 29) authorizing the Clerk of the House to pay the widow of Samuel H. Decker, late a messenger of the House of Representatives, a sum equal to six months' salary and funeral expenses, not exceeding \$250—to the Select Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. STEPHENS of Texas: A resolution (H. Res. 30) asking for report of investigation of land frauds under the stone, desert, timber, and homestead acts—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. WACHTER: A resolution (H. Res. 31) authorizing chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills to appoint a janitor for the room of said committee and for the engrossing rooms of the House—to the Committee on Accounts.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. ALLEN: A bill (H. R. 4872) granting an increase of pension to Albert W. Bradbury—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4873) granting an increase of pension to John McKenzie—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BABCOCK: A bill (H. R. 4874) granting a pension to Charles V. Billig—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BARTHOLDT: A bill (H. R. 4875) for the relief of Richard C. Silence—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BARTLETT: A bill (H. R. 4876) for the relief of G. W. Clark & Son, a firm composed of G. W. Clark and J. H. Clark, of Spalding County, Ga.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. BIRDSALL: A bill (H. R. 4877) granting an increase of pension to Mathias C. Mills—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: A bill (H. R. 4878) granting an increase of pension to George W. Rowland—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4879) granting an increase of pension to Shadrack M. Sellers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4880) granting an increase of pension to William F. Nichols—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4881) granting a pension to John A. Richards—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4882) granting a pension to Isabella McConnell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4883) granting a pension to Margaret J. Verbiskey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4884) granting an honorable discharge to Franklin S. Cowan—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4885) granting an honorable discharge to Riley Phillips—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4886) for the relief of David H. Lewis—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BRADLEY: A bill (H. R. 4887) granting a pension to George N. Thorpe—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BROOKS: A bill (H. R. 4888) granting a pension to Orlando Rogers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4889) granting a pension to Henry C. Beltz—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4890) granting a pension to Albert Hempstead—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4891) granting a pension to Julia R. Braxton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4892) granting a pension to Elias Veatch—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4893) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. De Rocher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4894) granting an increase of pension to William S. Devlin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4895) granting an increase of pension to Francis M. McMahon—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4896) for the relief of the legal representatives of A. G. Boone—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BRUNDIDGE: A bill (H. R. 4897) granting an increase of pension to William Johnson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BURLEIGH: A bill (H. R. 4898) granting an increase of pension to Melvin C. Wadsworth—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BUTLER of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 4899) referring the claim of William H. Diamond, of Chester, Pa., for damages for personal injuries sustained, to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BUTLER of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 4900) granting a pension to Sarah Hodgson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CANNON: A bill (H. R. 4901) to correct the military record of Homer Quick—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4902) granting an increase of pension to James Cheffer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4903) granting an increase of pension to Solomon F. Hallett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CLAYTON: A bill (H. R. 4904) for the relief of the heirs of E. A. Dozier, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. COOPER of Wisconsin: A bill (H. R. 4905) granting an increase of pension to Catherine Collins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4906) granting an increase of pension to Robert D. Cresson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CROMER: A bill (H. R. 4907) granting a pension to Henry A. Hartley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4908) granting a pension to John A. McConnell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DWIGHT: A bill (H. R. 4909) for the relief of David J. Kent—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A bill (H. R. 4910) granting a pension to Prudentia L. D. Nugent—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GARBER: A bill (H. R. 4911) granting a pension to Joseph Grubbs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GOULDEN: A bill (H. R. 4912) for the relief of Lieut. George B. Loud—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4913) for the relief of Lieut. George B. Loud—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4914) for the relief of Michael Lynch from sentence of court-martial—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GRAFF: A bill (H. R. 4915) granting an increase of pension to James W. Hibbert—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4916) granting an increase of pension to Allen M. Pierce—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: A bill (H. R. 4917) for the relief of A. W. Abbott—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4918) granting a pension to Rachel A. Woodmansee—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4919) granting an increase of pension to Catharine Sprague—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4920) granting an increase of pension to Richard H. Foulk—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4921) granting an increase of pension to Junius Abbott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4922) granting an increase of pension to Newton W. Vawter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 4923) granting an increase of pension to Henry B. Teetor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4924) granting a pension to C. S. Rannels—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HAMLIN: A bill (H. R. 4925) granting a pension to John Boyle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HARDWICK: A bill (H. R. 4926) for the relief of L. L. Arrington and L. S. Arrington—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. HASKINS: A bill (H. R. 4927) granting an increase of pension to Eugene P. Tewkesbury—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: A bill (H. R. 4928) granting an increase of pension to Jason H. Masterson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEPBURN: A bill (H. R. 4929) granting an increase of pension to George Ingram—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4930) granting an increase of pension to George W. Hubbard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HERMANN: A bill (H. R. 4931) granting an increase of pension to Robert W. Mitchell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: A bill (H. R. 4932) authorizing the appointment of Allen V. Reed, now a captain on the retired list of the Navy, as a rear-admiral on the retired list of the Navy—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4933) for the relief of the representatives of M. F. Merritt, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4934) granting an increase of pension to Mary Lucetta Arnold—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4935) granting an increase of pension to Edward T. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4936) granting a pension to Henry E. Buckingham—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4937) granting an increase of pension to Emily Conklin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HINSHAW: A bill (H. R. 4938) granting an increase of pension to Henry Cronk—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4939) granting an increase of pension to Rutson J. Bullock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HITT: A bill (H. R. 4940) granting a pension to Joseph D. C. Artz—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4941) granting a pension to Mary J. Wilson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4942) granting an increase of pension to Adam Hand—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4943) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Morgan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4944) for the relief of Sarah A. Clapp—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HULL: A bill (H. R. 4945) granting an increase of pension to Orwell Blake—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HUMPHREYS of Mississippi: A bill (H. R. 4946) to restore James F. Wheeler to the pension roll—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JACKSON of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 4947) to remove charge of desertion and grant honorable discharge to Henry Lowmaster—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4948) granting a pension to Wilson H. Davis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4949) granting an increase of pension to George Bixler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4950) granting an increase of pension to Henry C. Chadwick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4951) granting an increase of pension to William Greer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4952) granting an increase of pension to Martin H. Black—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4953) granting an increase pension to Mark Clinger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4954) granting an increase of pension to Horace L. Foote—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JENKINS: A bill (H. R. 4955) to provide for the payment of certain claims against the District of Columbia, in accordance with the act of July 19, 1897—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. JONES of Virginia: A bill (H. R. 4956) for the relief of the Potomac Steamboat Company—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4957) for the relief of the Shiloh Methodist Church, of Fredericksburg, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. KEHOE: A bill (H. R. 4958) granting an increase of pension to R. T. D. Zimmerman—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4959) granting an increase of pension to Martin Elswick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KETCHAM: A bill (H. R. 4960) to increase the pension of William J. Lee—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KINKAID: A bill (H. R. 4961) correcting the military record of Patrick Hagerty, of O'Neill, Nebr.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4962) granting a pension to Sarah A. Grandstaff—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KNAPP: A bill (H. R. 4963) to correct the military record of Adolphus Sterling—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4964) granting an increase of pension to C. E. Mink—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LACEY: A bill (H. R. 4965) granting an increase of pension to Amanda Miner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAWRENCE: A bill (H. R. 4966) granting an increase of pension to Edwin W. Reed—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4967) granting an increase of pension to Byron Robinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4968) granting a pension to Robert E. Clary—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4969) granting a pension to Laura A. Hoyt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4970) to amend the record of Charles E. Miller—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4971) for the relief of Mrs. Anna M. Orne, sole administratrix of the estate of Henry A. Orne, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. LEGARE: A bill (H. R. 4972) granting an increase of pension to Sarah N. Coste—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4973) granting a pension to George H. Moore—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LEVER: A bill (H. R. 4974) granting a pension to Margaret Hertel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4975) for the relief of the legal representatives of J. H. Brantly, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. LITTAUER: A bill (H. R. 4976) for the relief of Daniel Mosher—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LITTLEFIELD: A bill (H. R. 4977) to remove the charge of desertion from the naval record of Frank C. Whitney—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LORIMER: A bill (H. R. 4978) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Kirk—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4979) granting an increase of pension to Cyrus Jaynes—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LOUD: A bill (H. R. 4980) granting an increase of pension to Thomas E. Connor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4981) granting an increase of pension to John H. Iott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4982) to remove the charge of desertion from the record of Allison Huntley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4983) granting an increase of pension to Charles Gochey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MC CALL: A bill (H. R. 4984) granting an increase of pension to Charles F. Bowman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4985) placing upon the retired list the name of Joseph H. Burrows—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MACON: A bill (H. R. 4986) for the relief of James H. Rodgers—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4987) granting an increase of pension to William Y. M. Wilkerson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 4988) for the relief of Jacob Koons—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4989) to carry out the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of Sidney R. Smith & Co.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MANN: A bill (H. R. 4990) granting a pension to Georgia R. Demarest—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McCREARY of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 4991) granting an increase of pension to James Paul—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4992) granting an increase of pension to John Simpson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4993) granting an increase of pension to James H. Price—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4994) granting an increase of pension to Mary P. Sheets—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4995) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wilfong—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4996) granting an increase of pension to Alexander Robertson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4997) granting a pension to Franklin B. Lippincott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4998) granting a pension to Marion L. Wilson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4999) granting a pension to Ellwood I. Beatty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5000) granting a pension to Jackson D. Siner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5001) to reimburse James M. McGee for expenses incurred in the burial of Mary J. De Lange, a deceased pensioner—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McMORRAN: A bill (H. R. 5002) granting a pension to Charles E. Brown—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5003) granting a pension to Thomas Williams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PALMER: A bill (H. R. 5004) for the relief of Abram G. Hoyt—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5005) granting an increase of pension to Worthington S. Locke—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5006) granting a pension to Sarah Ulshafer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PEARRE: A bill (H. R. 5007) granting an increase of pension to Jerningham Boone—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PRINCE: A bill (H. R. 5008) granting an increase of pension to Henry McCord—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5009) granting an increase of pension to Luke P. Allphin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5010) granting a pension to Mary F. Hamilton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. REEDER: A bill (H. R. 5011) granting an increase of pension to Henry O. Pixley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5012) granting an increase of pension to Jacob Reitzel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5013) granting an increase of pension to David C. Stotts—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5014) granting an increase of pension to Daniel Baughman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RICHARDSON of Alabama: A bill (H. R. 5015) granting a pension to William A. Russell—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. RIXEY (by request): A bill (H. R. 5016) for the relief of Andrew Grady, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5017) for the relief of N. A. Kraft, sr., of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5018) for the relief of Dan Fry, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5019) for the relief of F. H. Cleveland, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5020) for the relief of A. J. Nalls, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5021) for relief of A. L. Lewis, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5022) for the relief of T. L. Weedon—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5023) for the relief of Thomas Fletcher, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5024) for the relief of R. B. Warren, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5025) for the relief of Charles Dearborn, of Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 5026) for relief of James Sheridan, Alexandria County, Va.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RYAN: A bill (H. R. 5027) granting an increase of pension to James Hawkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5028) granting an increase of pension to James Winspear—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5029) granting a pension to Louis Leith—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5030) granting a pension to William H. Mount—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5031) granting a pension to Julia Burke—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 5032) for the relief of James G. Field, surgeon in the United States Navy—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. SHERMAN: A bill (H. R. 5033) granting an increase of pension to Rowland J. Roberts—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 5034) for the relief of Samuel B. Bootes—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. SLEMP: A bill (H. R. 5035) for the relief of the heirs of Henry Sinon, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. SMITH of Kentucky: A bill (H. R. 5036) for the relief of the trustees of the Baptist Church at Columbia, Ky.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5037) granting an increase of pension to R. H. Stillwell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5038) granting an increase of pension to William H. Zachary—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5039) granting an increase of pension to Roden B. Swain—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5040) granting an increase of pension to Francis Marion Hatter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5041) granting an increase of pension to John R. Kenney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SIBLEY: A bill (H. R. 5042) granting an increase of pension to James B. Bell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5043) granting a pension to William H. Harrison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. THOMAS of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 5044) granting an increase of pension to Joseph L. Croskrey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. THOMPSON: A bill (H. R. 5045) granting an increase of pension to Albert S. Elmore—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. WADE: A bill (H. R. 5046) granting an increase of pension to Michael Fitzpatrick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5047) granting an increase of pension to Benton D. Bitner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5048) granting an increase of pension to John M. Seydel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5049) granting an increase of pension to Rebecca Doolittle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5050) granting a pension to G. J. Shaffer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5051) granting a pension to Elizabeth M. Sale—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5052) granting an honorable discharge to Eugene H. Ely—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WARNOCK: A bill (H. R. 5053) to correct the military record of Jacob Schunk—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 5054) granting an increase of pension to De Witt C. Carpenter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Illinois: A bill (H. R. 5055) granting an increase of pension to Woodson R. Daniel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. BARTLETT: Resolution of Agricultural Society of Spalding County, Ga., asking for legislation to prevent the spread of the boll weevil—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, memorial of committees of city council, Cotton Exchange, Board of Trade, and Chamber of Commerce of Savannah, Ga.,

asking an appropriation for deepening the harbor at Savannah, Ga.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. BRUNDIDGE: Papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to William Johnson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BURKETT: Papers to accompany bill to pension William McBrien—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to pension Victor Vifquain—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, resolution of the board of directors of the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' Association, favoring enlargement of power of the Interstate Commerce Commission—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BURNETT: Petition of John Edwards, of Dekalb County, Ala., praying reference of his claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. CANNON: Memorial of business men of Ogden, Utah, praying for legislation to correct unjust discrimination in railroad freight rates—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of W. L. Grosse and others, of Cissna Park, Ill., protesting against passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of J. F. Austin & Son, of Georgetown, Ill., protesting against passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, resolution of the board of directors of the Commercial Club, of Indianapolis, Ind., praying for legislation to correct unjust discriminations in freight rates—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, memorial of the insurance commissioner of Illinois, asking legislation for the suppression of fraudulent insurance companies—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSINGHAM: Papers to accompany bill (H. R. 2051) granting increase of pension to Joseph Jackson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: Resolution of Local Union No. 132, Brooklyn, N. Y., of Cigar Makers' International Union, protesting against passage of Cuban reciprocity bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of the executive committee of the National German-American Alliance, against the passage of the so-called Hepburn bill in relation to interstate liquor traffic—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, resolution of select common council of Philadelphia, relative to a 35-foot channel for the Delaware River, port of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. GRAFF: Petition of business men of Delavan, Ill., protesting against passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Papers to accompany bill to pension Rachel A. Woodmansee—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to increase the pension of William M. Neal—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: Papers to accompany bill to increase pension of Jason H. Masterson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: Papers to accompany bill to pension Henry E. Buckingham—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to pension Emily Conklin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to increase pension of Edward T. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, Senate Report No. 439; Mr. GALLINGER, from Committee on Naval Affairs, relative to the appointment of Allen V. Reed—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. HITT: Petition of R. E. Bowles and 14 other business men of Creston, Ill., protesting against the passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. KETCHAM: Resolution of the R. D. Lathrop Post, No. 138, Grand Army of the Republic, of Hudson, Department of New York, favoring passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KNAPP: Papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to C. E. Mink—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Mexico, N. Y., praying for the enactment of legislation prohibiting polygamy—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LITTAUER: Papers to accompany bill for the relief of Daniel Mosher—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MCCREARY of Pennsylvania: Resolutions of the Philadelphia Produce Exchange, Pennsylvania Shoe Manufacturers' Association, Trades League of Philadelphia, Travelers' Protective Association of Philadelphia, select and common councils of Philadelphia, and Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, relative to a

35-foot channel for the Delaware River, port of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. MACON: Papers to accompany bill to pension William Y. M. Wilkerson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. REEDER: Resolution of Baxter Post, No. 123, Grand Army of the Republic, Baxter Springs, Kans., in favor of the passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RIXEY: Papers to accompany bill to make Alexandria, Va., a port of immediate transportation—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Petition of Cigar Makers' Union No. 37, of Fort Wayne, Ind., protesting against passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RYAN: Papers to accompany H. R. 4661, for the relief of John Brill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHERMAN: Petition of Rosell Austin and others, of Frankfort, N. Y., praying for the enactment of legislation prohibiting polygamy—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Kentucky: Papers to accompany bill to remove charge of desertion from the record of the late J. W. Culver—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SPALDING: Petition of merchants of Grafton, N. Dak., protesting against the passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, resolution of the Commercial Club, of Fargo, N. Dak., favoring the appointment of a permanent tariff commission—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THOMAS of Iowa: Papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Joseph L. Croskrey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WADE: Resolution of the Davenport, Iowa, Turngemeinde, protesting against the passage of the Hepburn bill, restricting interstate liquor traffic—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WRIGHT: Petition of Douglas Wilson, of Towanda, Pa., claiming pay for labor as ambulance driver and hostler during the war of the rebellion—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WYNN: Papers to accompany bill (H. R. 2862) granting an increase of pension to Henrietta A. Pryce—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 1903.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. J. PRETTYMAN.

NAMING A PRESIDING OFFICER.

The Secretary read the following communication:

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, UNITED STATES SENATE,
November 25, 1903.

To the honorable Senate of the United States:

I hereby appoint JOHN KEAN, Senator from New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair during my absence.

WM. P. FRYE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. KEAN thereupon took the chair as Presiding Officer, and directed the Secretary to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on request of Mr. BEVERIDGE, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal will stand approved, without objection.

GEORGE S. THEBO, JR.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the cause of George S. Thebo, jr., executor of George S. Thebo, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

FRENCH SPOILIATION CLAIMS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting the conclusions of fact and of law filed under the act of January 20, 1885, in the French spoliation claims set out in the findings by the court relating to the vessel schooner *Felicity*, William Story, master; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting the conclusions of fact and of law filed under the act of January 20, 1885, in the French spoliation claims set out in the findings by the court